

# WOMEN IN COMBAT!

*Female soldiers are almost taken for granted in today's Army. Few, if any, would argue that women have no place in the Army, and their presence rarely raises an eyebrow. Yet, there remain a few bastions of male hegemony, one of which is the infantry. The authors in this section examine the wisdom and the practicality of assigning women to infantry squads, platoons, companies, and battalions. Nicholas Coppola, Kevin G. LaFrance, and Henry J. Carretta suggest an analytic methodology with which to examine the effect female soldiers might have on combat teams, particularly combat infantry units. J. Michael Brower argues strenuously that the time is ripe for meaningful roles for women in modern warfighting. Adam Wojack dispels the notion that women are too weak to serve as infantrymen or that women will undermine a unit's cohesion or effectiveness.*

